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APPLICANT INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner Interview Summary mailed on 2 September 2004. No fee is required for filing this paper.

In a telephonic interview on 23 August 2004 with Examiner Odland, Applicant, Dr. Peter Rosenblatt, and Applicant's representative, Christopher Rhodes, discussed with Examiner Odland existing surgical methods for vaginal and paravaginal repair and how those existing methods differed from the methods defined by the pending claims.

Applicant also discussed the differences between pending claim 39 and Carter (U.S. 6,044,847). In particular, Applicant pointed out that Carter failed to disclose a method of surgical paravaginal repair comprising placing a soft tissue fixation device vaginally through an insertion device adapted for inserting the soft tissue fixation device, and approximating at least one of the superior lateral sulci and inferior lateral sulci to the lateral pelvic sidewall without exposing the lateral pelvic sidewall through a surgical incision in a vaginal wall.

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Applicant and Applicant's representative wish to express their appreciation and gratitude to Examiner Odland for the time and courtesy extended in discussing the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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